

## Office of the Secretary, Interior

## § 42.110

(b) The following table shows which subparts may be of special interest to you, depending on who you are:

| If you are . . .  | See subpart(s) . . .    |
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| (1) a participant or principal in a non-procurement transaction.                              | A, B, C, and I.         |
| (2) a respondent in a suspension action   | A, B, F, G and I.       |
| (3) a respondent in a debarment action  | A, B, F, H and I.       |
| (4) a suspending official . . . . .   | A, B, D, E, F, G and I. |
| (5) a debarring official . . . . .  | A, B, D, E, F, H and I. |
| (6) a (n) Department of the Interior official authorized to enter into a covered transaction. | A, B, D, E and I.       |
| (7) Reserved . . . . .  | J.                      |

### § 42.50 How is this part written?

(a) This part uses a “plain language” format to make it easier for the general public and business community to use. The section headings and text, often in the form of questions and answers, must be read together.

(b) Pronouns used within this part, such as “I” and “you,” change from subpart to subpart depending on the audience being addressed. The pronoun “we” always is the Department of the Interior.

(c) The “Covered Transactions” diagram in the appendix to this part shows the levels or “tiers” at which the Department of the Interior enforces an exclusion under this part.

### § 42.75 Do terms in this part have special meanings?

This part uses terms throughout the text that have special meaning. Those terms are defined in Subpart I of this part. For example, three important terms are—

(a) *Exclusion or excluded*, which refers only to discretionary actions taken by a suspending or debarring official under this part or the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4);

(b) *Disqualification or disqualified*, which refers to prohibitions under specific statutes, executive orders (other than Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689), or other authorities. Disqualifications frequently are not subject to the discretion of an agency official, may have a different scope than exclusions, or have special conditions that apply to the disqualification; and

(c) *Ineligibility or ineligible*, which generally refers to a person who is either excluded or disqualified.

## Subpart A—General

### § 42.100 What does this part do?

This part adopts a governmentwide system of debarment and suspension for Department of the Interior non-procurement activities. It also provides for reciprocal exclusion of persons who have been excluded under the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and provides for the consolidated listing of all persons who are excluded, or disqualified by statute, executive order, or other legal authority. This part satisfies the requirements in section 3 of Executive Order 12549, “Debarment and Suspension” (3 CFR 1986 Comp., p. 189), Executive Order 12689, “Debarment and Suspension” (3 CFR 1989 Comp., p. 235) and 31 U.S.C. 6101 note (Section 2455, Public Law 103–355, 108 Stat. 3327).

### § 42.105 Does this part apply to me?

Portions of this part (see table at § 42.25(b)) apply to you if you are a(n)—

(a) Person who has been, is, or may reasonably be expected to be, a participant or principal in a covered transaction;

(b) Respondent (a person against whom the Department of the Interior has initiated a debarment or suspension action);

(c) Department of the Interior debarring or suspending official; or

(d) Department of the Interior official who is authorized to enter into covered transactions with non-Federal parties.

### § 42.110 What is the purpose of the nonprocurement debarment and suspension system?

(a) To protect the public interest, the Federal Government ensures the integrity of Federal programs by conducting business only with responsible persons.

(b) A Federal agency uses the non-procurement debarment and suspension system to exclude from Federal programs persons who are not presently responsible.

(c) An exclusion is a serious action that a Federal agency may take only